

a wheel having an outboard surface thereon, said wheel further having a disk portion and a rim portion circumscribing said disk portion, said rim portion having a rim flange circumscribing said rim portion, said rim flange terminating in a flange lip defining a radially outermost edge thereon; and

an overlay having an outboard surface thereon, said overlay being attached to said outboard surface of said wheel, said overlay further having a web portion, and a peripheral flange circumscribing said web portion and terminating in a peripheral lip, said peripheral lip having a radially outermost edge aligned within a predetermined margin with respect to said radially outermost edge of said flange lip of said wheel so that said peripheral lip of said overlay substantially covers [at least a portion of] said flange lip of said wheel but does not extend [therebeyond] beyond said outermost edge of said flange lip of said wheel, so as to give a visible impression that said outboard surface of said overlay is actually said outboard surface of said wheel and not a separately attached component of said wheel and overlay assembly.

6. (Amended) The wheel and overlay assembly of Claim 4, wherein said adhesive is [a double-sided] an adhesive means [tape].

14. (Amended) The wheel and overlay assembly of Claim 13, wherein said overlay peripheral flange is adapted [shaped] to accommodate complete attachment of an industry standard balance weight thereto, without having to attach said industry standard balance weight to said wheel rim flange.

15. (Amended) A wheel and overlay assembly, comprising:

a wheel having an outboard surface thereon, said wheel further having a disk portion and a rim portion circumscribing said disk portion, said rim portion having a rim flange circumscribing said rim portion, said rim flange terminating in a flange lip defining a radially outermost edge thereon, said radially outermost edge defining an outer diameter; and

an overlay having an outboard surface thereon, said overlay being attached to said outboard surface of said wheel, said overlay further having a web portion and a peripheral flange circumscribing said web portion and terminating in a peripheral lip, said peripheral lip having a radially outermost edge defining a diameter, said diameter of said overlay being substantially equal to but not greater than said outer diameter of said wheel, whereby said peripheral lip of said overlay substantially covers [at least a portion of] said flange lip of said wheel so as to give a visible impression that said outboard surface of said overlay is actually said outboard surface of said wheel and not a separately attached component of said wheel and overlay assembly.

20. (Amended) The wheel and overlay assembly of Claim 18, wherein said adhesive is [a double-sided] an adhesive [tape] means.

28. (Amended) The wheel and overlay assembly of Claim 27, wherein said overlay peripheral flange is [shaped] adapted to accommodate complete attachment of an industry standard balance weight thereto, without having to attach said industry standard balance weight to said wheel rim flange.

**In the Drawings**

Pending approval of the Examiner et al., Applicant's agent would like to